

BROWNFIELDS ACTION AGENDA

- **Cal/EPA Brownfields Policy Statement** – Develop a policy statement to guide Cal/EPA boards' and departments' policies, decision-making and prioritization of brownfields sites.
- **Emphasize Brownfields in policies, processes, and organizational focus**
 - Assign staff in DTSC and Regional Boards with exclusive Brownfields focus (dual mission focus: redevelopment -and- cleanup)
 - Give brownfield sites focus and priority - distinct from other program efforts
 - Prioritize efficiency, meeting deadlines, and cutting costs
 - Promote the program; reach out to stakeholder base (local government & development community)
 - Make the program user-friendly through guidance documents, fact sheets and materials tailored to stakeholders needs
 - Create opportunities for streamlining and efficiency
 - Identify flexibility in cleanup processes (e.g., flexibility within NCP)
 - Develop policies and guidance related to brownfields cleanups and train project managers in their use
 - Develop and use screening numbers (SB 32 mandate) where appropriate and train local government and development community in their use
 - Identify and use presumptive remedies and cleanup levels where appropriate
- **Intra-agency Brownfields Roundtable** - Hold regular meetings with Cal/EPA, DTSC and the State and Regional Boards to:
 - Coordinate efforts between agencies (policies and site specific items)
 - Discuss and respond to ideas and proposals forwarded by the Brownfields Working Group and other brownfields stakeholders
 - Develop regional Brownfields “Red Teams” to address both health and water quality issues at brownfield sites where warranted
 - Develop ways to eliminate duplication and unintended consequences (emphasize oversight by one regulatory agency per site – ensure that investigation and cleanup activities address concerns of both)
 - Coordinate with other state and federal agencies that are involved in brownfields activities
 - Coordinate on the use of federal brownfields grant funds for California

- **Local Government Partnerships** – Develop formal working relationships between redevelopment agencies, other local governmental entities and DTSC and the Regional Boards
 - Assist local governments seeking environmental regulatory agency involvement in redevelopment projects (model/streamlined oversight reimbursement agreements)
 - Cross-train regulatory and redevelopment agency staff in each other's policies and functions.
 - Identify areas of overlap or duplication between cleanup and redevelopment activities to look for efficiencies (e.g., CEQA compliance activities, public hearings)
 - Participate in local governments' brownfields forums (e.g., California Redevelopment Association's Brownfields Committee)
 - Create a forum to facilitate communities sharing lessons-learned and the exchange of brownfields information
- **Brownfields Working Group** – Establish a regular schedule for meetings of the Brownfields Working Group
 - Discuss and update this Action Agenda and its implementation
 - Establish the focus and function of the Group
 - Interact with Roundtable and partnership efforts
- **Collaboration on Legislative Changes** – Work with brownfields stakeholders to identify statutory changes that would assist in addressing brownfield sites – Work together to seek their enactment.
- **Measurements of Success** – Develop clear, tangible goals and objectives to measure the progress of brownfields efforts in California.
- **Outreach** – Use web sites, newsletters, presentations in meetings and conferences, etc., to get the word out about California's brownfields programs and to solicit additional feedback on those efforts